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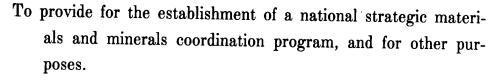
To provide for the establishment of a national strategic materials and minerals coordination program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KOGOVSEK introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affair and Armed Services

A BILL



- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That (a) this Act may be cited as the "National Strategic
- 4 Materials and Minerals Assessment Act of 1983".
- 5 (b) The Congress finds that the United States lacks
- 6 known domestic resources from which to produce, in neces-
- 7 sary quantities, certain materials and minerals essential to its
- 8 national security, industrial base, and economic well-being.
- 9 The Congress therefore declares that it is in the national in-
- 10 terest to:



1	(1) Develop an indepth evaluation of domestic and
2	international strategic materials and minerals resources
3	supply and demand.
4	(2) Implement a specific program to coordinate
5	ongoing efforts of strategic materials and minerals as-
6	sessment for this country.
7	(3) Establish a managerial framework for contin-
8	ued assessments of strategic materials and minerals
9	supply.
10	(4) Take positive action that will promote our na-
11	tional security, help insure a healthy and vigorous
12	economy, create American jobs, decrease the Nation's
13	strategic minerals and materials vulnerability, and pro-
14	tect our natural resources and environment.
15	DEFINITIONS
16	SEC. 2. As used in this Act, the term—
17	(1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Inte-
18	rior; and
19	(2) "strategic materials and minerals" means
20	those natural resources essential to the security, indus-
21	trial base, and economic well-being of the United
22	States, as determined by the Federal Emergency Man-
23	agement Agency.

1	TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION
2 S:	EC. 3. All programs, functions, responsibilities, and
3 person	nel of the uranium resource assessment program, as
4 establis	shed under the authority of the Department of Energy,
5 shall be	e transferred to the Department of the Interior. Such
6 transfer	r shall include the Grand Junction facility, Grand
7 Junctio	n, Colorado, and all operating funds remaining in the
8 uraniun	n resource assessment program on the date of enact-
9 ment of	this Act.
10	MINERALS AND MATERIALS ASSESSMENT
11 SE	cc. 4. (a) The Secretary shall establish a national stra-
12 tegic m	inerals and materials assessment program within the
13 Departm	nent of the Interior, for purposes of carrying out the
14 provisio	ns and goals of this Act. Such program shall utilize
15 the mar	nagement framework and personnel of the uranium
16 resource	assessment program.
17 (b)	The duties and functions of the Secretary under this
18 Act sha	ll include, but not be limited to, activities which—
19	(1) monitor, evaluate, and coordinate on a con-
20 tine	ing basis the programs and activities of the Federal
21 Gov	vernment so as to carry out the provisions of this
22 Act	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
23	(2) identify and classify the Nation's areas of po-
24 tent	ial strategic material and mineral deposits on the
25 pub	lic lands;

1	(3) identify policy conflicts with respect to re-
2	source management and strategic materials and miner-
3	als supply;
4	(4) establish periodic reviews of strategic materi-
5	als and minerals issues including resource assessment,
6	supply and demand, stockpiling, and conservation; and
7	(5) establish an early warning system which will
8	monitor the conditions of supplies and demands for
9	strategic materials and minerals. Such early warning
10	system shall be designed to notify the President and
11	the Congress of strategic material and mineral short-
12	falls in a timely manner, and to provide recommenda-
13	tions to alleviate such shortfalls.
14	PUBLIC LANDS
15	SEC. 5. (a) The Secretary shall conduct continuing stra-
16	tegic materials and minerals assessments of the public lands
17	in such a manner that will not be injurious to fish and wild-
18	life, watersheds, cultural resources, habitat, or other re-
19	sources of the public lands.
20	(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend,
21	repeal, or modify any provision of the Wilderness Act (16
22	U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) or the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
23	U.S.C. 1271 et seq.), except as provided in this subsection:
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25	and minerals assessments on public lands withdrawn

from mineral entry to the extent that such assessments
can be accomplished with minimal surface disturbance.
(2) Any materials and minerals assessment on the
public lands shall occur with the consultation and coop-
eration of the agency having management jurisdiction

6 over such lands and resources.